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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1-20

Documents FR-2832134 and WO-00/07741 disclose all the features of claims 1-11 (see Item V), therefore the first technical feature not known from the prior art is claim 12. Hence it is considered that claims 1-20 are directed to a material application system and a method comprising a wireless identification device which is associated with a spray gun nozzle. It is considered that the wireless identification device associated with a spray gun nozzle comprises a first "special technical feature".

2. claims: 21-23

Claims 21-3 are directed to a method for identifying parts of an item; each part of the item has a wireless identification device. It is considered that the wireless identification devices associated with each of the parts of the item comprises a second "special technical feature".

3. claim: 24

Claim 24 is directed to a method for identifying parts of an material application system in which at least the spray booth has a wireless identification device. It is considered that the wireless identification device associated with spray booth a third "special technical feature".

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